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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Offer Made

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's address to a convention of newspaper editors in Washington on Thursday has been described as a "major foreign policy speech." But it was something more than that: it was a restatement of the ideals and aspirations of every nation which, today, seeks not only the establishment of world peace, but the happiness and contentment of mankind through economic security and personal freedom. The whole tone of Mr. Eisenhower's speech commands admiration and approval. His challenge to Russia to demonstrate the sincerity of her expressed desire for peace included also an offer which, if accepted, could change for the better the lives of millions of people. His proposal is for the conversion of money saved through the limitation of armaments to a global reconstruction fund which would be used in every country where it is needed to combat poverty and need. It is a unique conception of international co-operation. It may not evoke an immediate response from the Communists, yet to ignore it completely would brand them as utterly indifferent to a positive offer from the Western nations to afford the world peace and prosperity.

Mr. Eisenhower's proposition for co-operative action was, of course, based on a certain number of prerequisites, all of them essential if the way is to be paved for new and happier relations between the East and West. He requires that the Soviet Union should agree to signing a fair treaty with Austria; assist in the unification of Germany; put a stop to supplying war weapons to aggressors in Asia; and accept the West's disarmament proposals now before the United Nations. There is nothing new in these conditions, but they remain basic requirements for any tangible rapprochement between the Communist and Free worlds. Once again it was emphasised by Mr. Eisenhower that it was deeds and not gestures or rhetoric which were needed to give substance to Russia's persistently declared love of peace. Those acts are awaited. If they are not forthcoming from the new Soviet regime the world must be condemned to a future governed by anxiety, fear and frustration.

## Churchill Sees "Sudden Hopes" In Soviet Moves

### CHANGE OF MOOD IN KREMLIN DISCERNIBLE

Glasgow, Apr. 17. Mr Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, said tonight that the Kremlin's recent moves have brought "sudden hopes" to the whole world—and "we must not throw away a single hope" if peace feelers are made in good faith.

"Is there a new breeze blowing on the tormented world?" he asked in a speech to Scottish Conservatives.

"New men have obtained a supreme power in Moscow and their words and gestures and even to some extent their actions seem to be token of a change of mood."

"Suddenly," he said, "mighty events far beyond our control, but in harmony with our highest hopes have made their mark on the life of the world."

"Certainly sudden hopes have sprung in the hearts of peoples under every sky." The Prime Minister "resolutely and wholeheartedly" supported President Eisenhower's peace call to Russia.

## 5 KILLED IN AMBUSH

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 17. Five Chinese civilians were killed in a Communist guerrilla ambush in Perak State today.

They were members of a party returning to Ipoh by jeep after visiting a tin mine. Four were killed instantly in the guerrilla rain of fire from the surrounding jungle, and the fifth died of wounds while being taken to hospital after the Communists had fled from the scene.

The guerrillas got away with a firearm and some ammunition which they took from the jeep. British patrols are searching the jungle for them.

Earlier today it was announced that a patrol of the Royal West Kents had surprised a number of guerrillas in a new jungle hide-out in Selangor. The Communists fled into the jungle, lay in wait until the troops followed, then opened fire on them from cover. The British suffered no casualties, wounded two guerrillas, and destroyed their camp.

Malay troops killed one guerrilla in the Raub area of Pahang—Associated Press.

He declared he welcomed the "massive and magnificent statement of our case by President Eisenhower, who has set forth the range of practical issues which divide the world."

The Prime Minister added that the President had declared the resolve of the free nations "headed and sustained by the great power of the United States" not to weaken their defensive measures until an honourable settlement was reached.

Mr Churchill added that Britain gave the President his wholehearted support.

He was addressing a mass meeting following the annual conference of Scottish Conservatives.

HEAVY BURDENS

Of the Russian peace moves in the past few weeks, Churchill said:

"Now suddenly the mighty events far beyond our control but in harmony with our highest hopes, have made their mark on the life of the world."

"New men have obtained a supreme power in Moscow and their words and gestures and even to some extent their actions seem to be token of a change of mood. We cannot yet tell what this means. We cannot measure how deep is their purpose or where the process they have set on foot will lead them."

Mr Churchill said: "We must not throw away a single hope, however slender, as long as we believe there is good faith and good will behind the actions of those with whom we have to deal."

"It is for these reasons that we in Britain, and I doubt not, throughout the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations, have welcomed the massive and magnificent statement of our case made yesterday by President Eisenhower," Mr Churchill added.

"He has set forth the range of practical issues which divide the world. He has declared the resolve of the free nations aided and sustained by the giant power of the United States not to weaken their defensive measures until an honourable settlement is reached."

"He has closed no door upon sincere efforts to reach a true world peace. We give him our resolute and wholehearted support," Mr Churchill said.

Mr Churchill said that at the end of the second world war science offered "a blind prodigality to mankind: the choice between a golden age of prosperity and the most hideous form of destruction."

"I could not understand why Soviet Russia did not join with the Western Allies in seeking a just and lasting treaty of peace."

"It was only gradually that the Western world became aware of their new danger and several hard years had to pass before they even began to regain their united power."

"Many grievous things have happened to many valiant and ancient nations and heavy burdens of toil and fear have been laid upon the backs of mankind."

"Now it may be that another chance will come," he declared.

"Perhaps indeed it has come. We cannot tell. The future is inscrutable."

"But as so often happens the path of duty is clear. We must not throw away a single hope or repulse a single friendly signal."

Before turning to foreign affairs, Mr Churchill squashed rumours that he would take "papers" of this week's advantage of the Autumn Budget to give an Autumn election on the country in the hope of getting a bigger majority—Reuter.

## Eden's Condition "Satisfactory"

London, Apr. 17. The general condition of Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, who had a major operation on Sunday and has since developed tonsillitis, was tonight satisfactory, the latest health bulletin said.

The bulletin tonight, second within nine hours, said Mr Eden's tonsillitis was responding to treatment—Reuter.

## NEW POST



Mr Jacob Malik

## Malik To Succeed Gromyko As Soviet Envoy To Britain

Moscow, Apr. 17. The British government has agreed to the appointment of Mr Jacob Malik as Soviet Ambassador in London in succession to Mr Andrei Gromyko, it was understood here tonight.

Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, is believed to be usually reliable quarters here to have intervened personally to secure the recall to Moscow of Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Ambassador to Britain.

Mr Molotov, who resumed his wartime post of Soviet Foreign Minister after the death of Stalin last month, is believed here to value the close collaboration of Mr Gromyko, probably the ablest and certainly the best known of the younger generation of Russian diplomats.

## FAREWELL CALL

News of the Ambassador's recall is understood in usually well-informed quarters to have been given yesterday by Mr Gromyko to the Minister of State, Mr Selwyn Lloyd.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd then accompanied Mr Gromyko on a farewell call on the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, who is also acting Foreign Minister during the illness of the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden.

Diplomatic quarters here did not attach any special significance to Mr Gromyko's call on Mr Churchill, which would be required by the protocol before his departure from London, now believed to be imminent.

Since Queen Elizabeth is at present at Windsor, it would not, it is understood, be necessary for the Ambassador to seek a farewell audience. According to some quarters, Mr Gromyko may fly back to Moscow during the week-end—Reuter.

## STRIKE ENDS

Colombo, Apr. 17. A 12-day wild strike of 10,000 tea-estate workers ended today with the reinstatement of dismissed strikers and the agreement of employers and workers on an arbitrator following the Government's suggestion.

The strike began when killing workers on one estate were dismissed for joining the Workers' Congress.

The employers said there was already a Trade Union on the estate—Reuter.

## Fighting Near The Border of Thailand

Rangoon, Apr. 17. The Burmese War Office today reported hand to hand fighting between government forces and Chinese Nationalist guerrillas near the Thailand border.

Ten Nationalists were killed at Mong Hal, 100 miles from Kengtung, in the Southern Shan states, the War Office communiqué said.

War office sources said the Nationalists were using 75 millimetre cannons for the first time in their campaign on the Burmese frontier.

A Burmese column is now reported to be moving towards Monghsat, headquarters of the Kuomintang forces in Burma.

Burmese forces recently cleared a Chinese Nationalist post on the border with Thailand—Reuter.

## COMPLAINT "UNJUST"

United Nations, Apr. 17. Speaking before the Political Committee which started the study of the Burmese complaint against Nationalist China, Dr T.T. Tsang, Chinese Nationalist delegate, said that his government did not control the Chinese troops in Burma but had certain influence on General Li Mi which it could exercise.

He believed, he said, that the exercises of the Nationalist good offices would be more useful than an official order from Taiwan which would remain dead letter.

General Li Mi's troops, he added, could be compared to the Salvation Army against Communism and the Nationalists had not sent them a single recruit.

Dr Tsang said the Burmese resolution calling for a condemnation of the Taipei government was unjust and would be of no use.

Krishna Menon, the Indian delegate, supported the Burmese complaint and discussion was adjourned—France-Press.

## Attack On Fishing Boats

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 17. An Israeli Army spokesman said today that an Egyptian warship attacked Israeli fishing craft in the open sea, about 15 miles from the Israeli coast.

According to the spokesman, the Egyptian ship opened fire on the fishing boats and then Egyptian naval officers boarded the boats to conduct a search. The boats were later allowed to proceed.

The spokesman described the Egyptian action as "high seas piracy" in violation of international law, and a breach of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement.

He did not disclose where the alleged incident took place. Israel had lodged a strong protest with the mixed armistice commission, he said—Reuter.

## Spitfire Crashes Near New York

New York, Apr. 17. An experimental Spitfire fighter crashed near here today killing its pilot and owner, Mr Peter Freytag, 31, aircraft company chief of New Jersey.

The plane, a Mark 24, had been entered for the London to New Zealand air race next October—Reuter.

## TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

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<b>RACE 4</b> Concord Ping On Hollapoppin Outsider:—Easy Money.	<b>RACE 4</b> Ping On Black Rose Concord Outsider:—Bashful Beauty.
<b>RACE 5</b> Clenfickle Cinderella Squadron Leader Outsider:—Meadowbrook.	<b>RACE 5</b> Clenfickle Top Secret Meadowbrook Outsider:—Squadron Leader.
<b>RACE 6</b> Evening View Cordon Rouge Same Again Outsider:—Charleroi.	<b>RACE 6</b> Evening View Cordon Rouge Same Again Outsider:—The Tigress.
<b>RACE 7</b> Rider's Wish The Tigress Armament Outsider:—Desert Gold.	<b>RACE 7</b> Rider's Wish Some Fun Armament Outsider:—The Tigress.
<b>RACE 8</b> Thunderbolt Silver Dahlia Rebel II Outsider:—Canadian Potato.	<b>RACE 8</b> Roue D'Or Mastery Rebel II Outsider:—Silver Dahlia.
<b>RACE 9</b> Dixie Bell Powerhouse Gracechurch Outsider:—Miami Beauty.	<b>RACE 9</b> Al Fresco Aeroplane Gracechurch Outsider:—Powerhouse.
<b>RACE 10</b> Colin Henrietta Trade Wind Outsider:—Norse Lady.	<b>RACE 10</b> Fortuna Popularity Celtic Outsider:—Souvenir.

## Deputies Level Accusation Against Pres. Peron

Buenos Aires, Apr. 17. President Peron was accused today of staging "a poor imitation of the Reichstag fire" — as police announced four arrests for "disrespect."

(The Nazis burned down the German Parliament, the Reichstag, in 1933 and then staged a trial of Communists for doing it.)

Fourteen Radical Deputies, a Congressional minority, issued a statement tonight saying last Wednesday's events (when two bombs went off as President Peron was addressing a mass meeting in the Plaza del Mayo) "seem a poor imitation of the Reichstag fire."

The statement regarded President Peron as "responsible for the government's inability to solve the nation's grave problems."

The official aim is obviously to turn popular attention away from the moral crisis and economic collapse," it said.

The statement added that President Peron's warning "in his speech on April 1 that the nation might face 'violent reaction—fires and more serious things—as a popular protest against the increased cost of living,' was being 'inexorably fulfilled.'"

The police announced today that four people, including two students, were arrested and would be prosecuted for "disrespect" on account of alleged offensive talk in public—Reuter.

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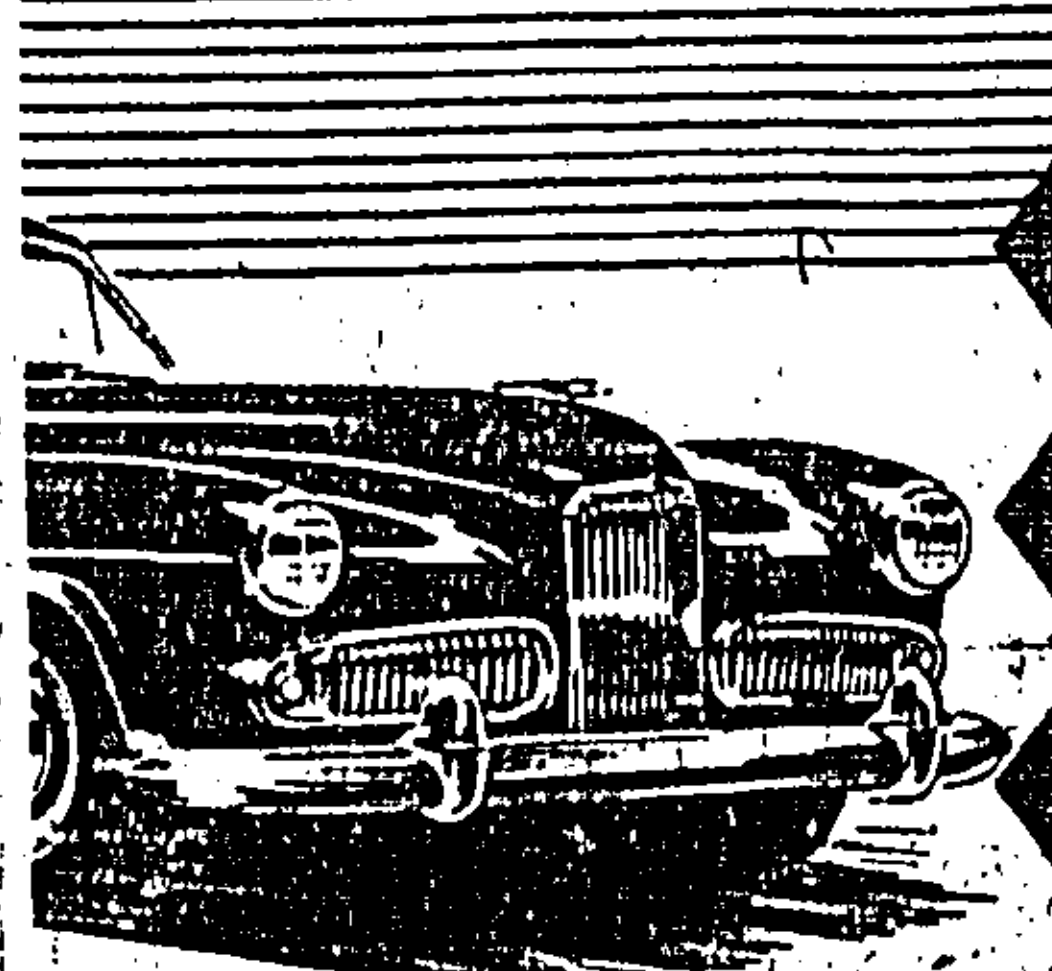
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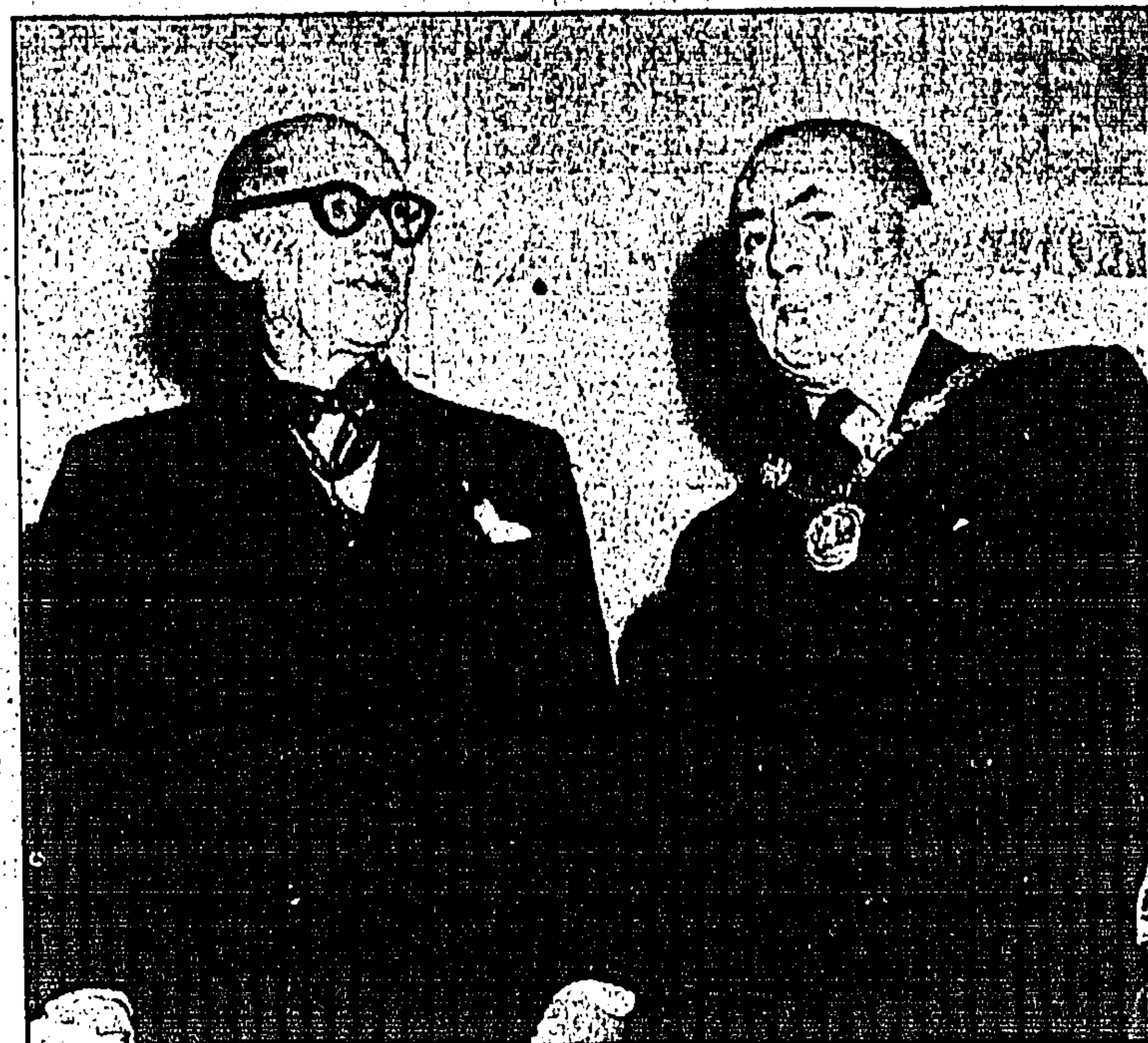
# HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



MR J. F. Mason, aged 72, of Wallington, Surrey, applies a final daub of paint to one of the comic heads he is presenting to Wallington Council for use in the town's Coronation parade. Mr Mason makes the heads as a hobby. "Sometimes I have nightmares in which they chase me all over the place," he said, describing his work. (Reuterphoto)



ROBERT DONAT has returned to the stage after four years in T. S. Elliot's "Murder in the Cathedral." The play is at the Old Vic, and is Robert Helpmann's first full-scale effort as a producer. Donat, playing Thomas a Becket, is seen being congratulated by Helpmann after 15 curtain calls. (Express)



LE CORBUSIER, the great French revolutionary among modern architects (left), wearing the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture which he received at the annual meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects. With him is Mr Howard Robertson, President of the Institute. (Express)



ROSEMARY LINDSAY, cramming a month's rehearsals into four days, took over Nadia Nerina's part in the new Covent Garden ballet, "The Shadow," when the latter injured her foot. Miss Lindsay is partnered by (left to right) Brian Shaw, Desmond Doyle and Ronald Hynde. (Express)

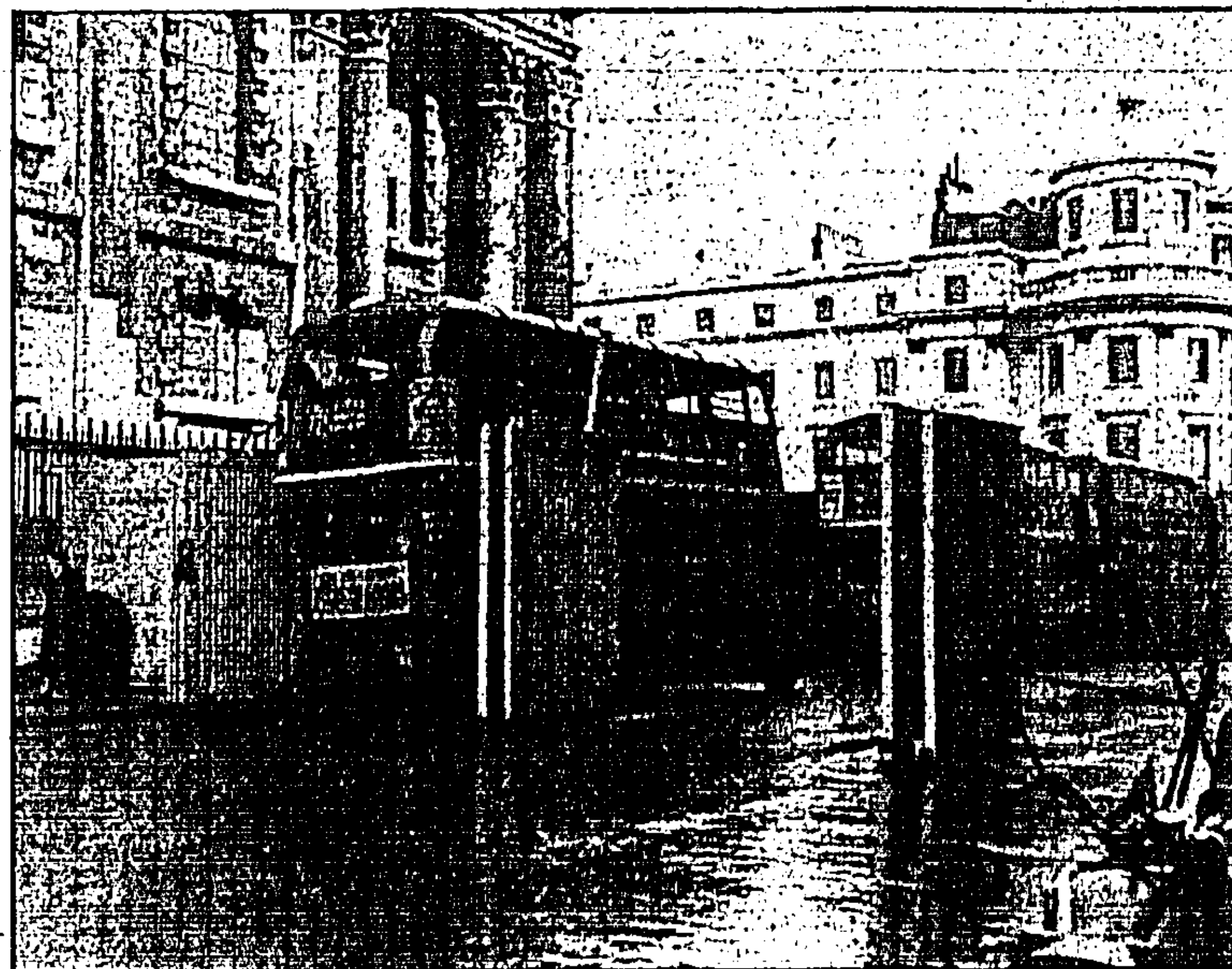


THE 51-year-old Earl of Northesk, President of the Gauge One Model Railway Association, explaining the making and running of model engines at the Model Railway Club's exhibition at Central Hall, Westminster. (Express)

BELOW: Dr A. E. Russell (right), designer of the Britannia and Brabazon aircraft, receives the diploma of the Institute of Engineering Draughtsmen and Designers from Lord Westwood, the President, at the Waldorf Hotel. (Express)



SIR Percy Sillitoe (right), Chief of M.I.5, boarding a Kenya-bound plane. His departure from London was sudden and unreported. He said: "On my last visit I made recommendations about the organising of an Intelligence system. The authorities adopted them in full. Now I am going back to see how those measures are working." (Express)



THE first of the wood and steel barriers which will scale off the Queen's Coronation route as it stands in Duncannon Street, leading from Trafalgar Square to the Strand. The barrier took three days to build. An early start has been made because so many barriers will be required on June 2. (Express)



SERGEANT John Junior and Corporal Ted Marchant, both of the Special Air Service (Artists Rifles) T. A. Canoe Club, pictured as they reached Westminster from Devizes, Wiltshire, to win this year's canoe race for the Albert E. Weibel Challenge Cup. They travelled a distance of 124 miles through streams, canals and rivers. (Express)



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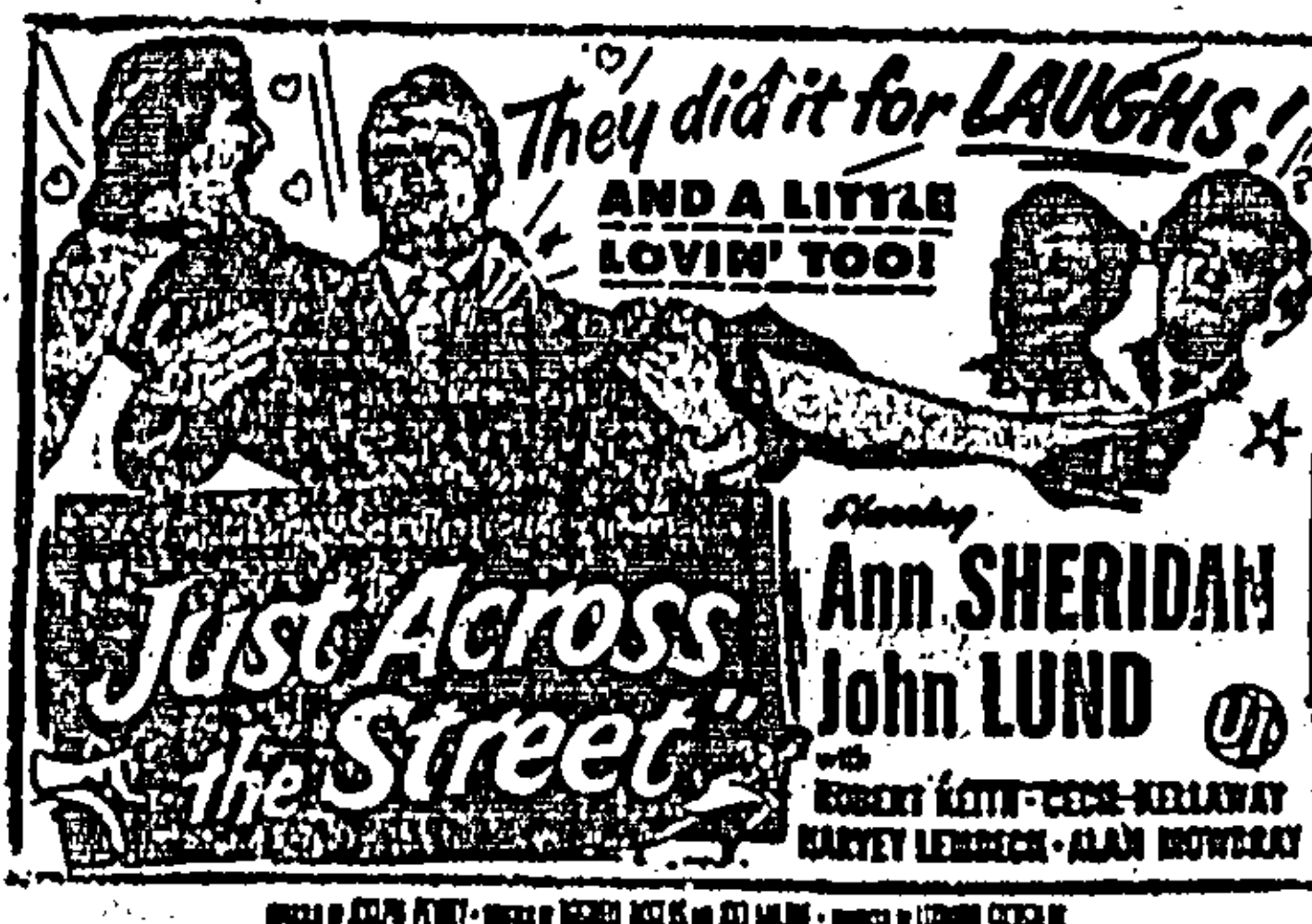
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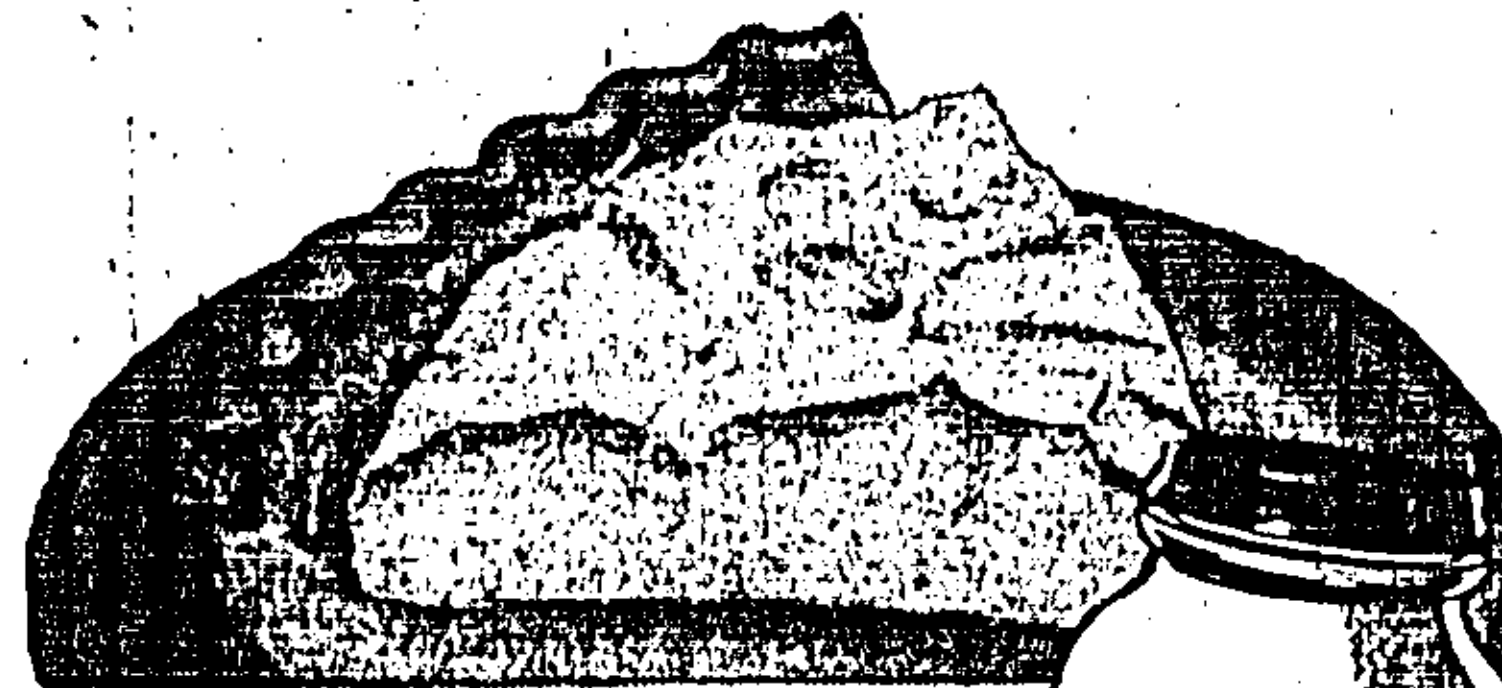
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THE SUN SAYS IT'S  
SPRING IN MOSCOW

By JANE S. McILVAINE

Mrs. Jane Stevenson McIlvaine, co-editor of a small-town American newspaper, spent Easter in Moscow. A few weeks before that she was at work on *The Archive*, a weekly paper which sells 2,500 in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Then, suddenly, came the news of the granting of her Russian visa. With nine other American editors, she recorded her first impressions of Moscow under Malenkov, Moscow in springtime.



Mrs. JANE STEVENSON McILVAINE

Age 32, mother of a boy and girl

There's no magic  
in orange juice

By Chapman Pincher

A DAILY dose of orange juice brings no noticeable benefit to children more than two years old — apart from giving Minister's scientific advisers a pleasant drink. This surprising statement sums up the findings of a Health Ministry doctors' investigation into the value of orange juice as a "welfare food."

It means that the Food Ministry has unwittingly wasted millions of pounds during the last twelve years by supplying subsidised orange juice for all children under five.

Since 1941 concentrated orange juice has been available to mothers of young children at the much reduced price of fivepence a bottle.

It supplies extra quantities of vitamin C, but the investigation showed that British children get more than enough of this protective vitamin from the

vegetables in their diet. And the body cannot cope with surplus supplies.

The doctors' report now being studied by the Food Minister's scientific advisers has created a difficult political problem.

If he is convinced by the medical evidence, Chancellor R. A. Butler would undoubtedly like to economise by ending the supply of subsidised orange juice except to expectant mothers and children less than two years old.

But such a move might be misconstrued as a Tory attack on the Welfare State.

The orange juice scheme was started during the war for the excellent purpose of safeguarding child-health when there might not be enough home-grown vegetables to supply vitamin C.

Thousands of children who went without it because their mothers did not bother to collect it from distributing centres suffered no known ill-effects. Who first put about the now firmly rooted belief that a daily dose of real orange juice is so good for us all? American orange growers.

Moscow, Apr. 1. **SUNNY**, warm weather permitted us to doff topcoats today and we rubbernecked our way around Moscow in the hands of a couple of English-speaking guides.

Spring also brought the Muscovites out in their thousands and the main streets were as populous as London's Piccadilly.

It was the first day of new low prices and there were crowds in front of and inside all the stores, window shopping and buying.

It was the main topic of conversation among these people emerging from their usual grim winter.

We set foot on the cobblestones of the historic Red Square, gazed at the grim walls of the Kremlin, and craned to get a peek of the towers and buildings inside.

Lenin's mausoleum was closed until it has been made ready to permit crowds to view Stalin's body, but there were big crowds gazing stonily at the facade which now bears Stalin's name below Lenin's.

## BROWN MARBLE

In the Red Square and elsewhere gangs of workmen were busy unwrapping trees from the mummy-like wrappings with which they have been protected through the long winter.

In a two-hour conducted drive round the city, our guides proudly pointed to housing developments, and particularly to one apartment house built of chocolate-coloured marble—that same marble Hitler had ready to be shipped to Moscow to build a victory monument.

The guides told us how the Moscow Government is gradually replacing aged wooden buildings with modern structures.

Members of our party of editors are ribbing James L. Wick, of Wiles, Ohio, because he, as leader, has been given suite room 107 in the National Hotel—the so-called Lenin suite because Lenin lived there at the time of the October Revolution.

## AH, THE MEALS

Perhaps the nicest break we have had to date was the news we are being charged only 19 dollars (£9, 15s. 3d.) a day for our rooms, complete with four meals—and boy, what meals!

Last night for dinner we had lashings of caviar, tender chicken and all the trimmings, all well cooked, and well served. The coffee is good for Europe but this Russian tea is hard on the stomach—and so are the cobblestones on the feet.

We arrived last night in a special Soviet plane from Helsinki. The two Russian pilots

and the good-looking Russian hostess spoke no English, but ensured we were comfortable.

The hostess had immaculately manicured fingernails, glossy boots, and a smart blue uniform adorned with several medals. With the aid of a Russian-English dictionary, we discovered she was one of those Russian girls who lifted so many medals in the 1952 Olympics, but we never managed to get her name.

## THE FLANNELS

She did not appear at all ill at ease at chatting with Americans. Neither did the assistant pilot, who turned on the heat because he thought I was cold when I continued to wear my fur coat.

It was a warm and comfortable trip, and it was hard to realise that we were a bunch of Americans in a Soviet plane.

A delegation of Soviet Press officials was on hand at Moscow Airport and gave us a warm welcome. They did not seem to bat an eyelid at the fact that I was probably the first American woman ever to hit Russia with ankle-length red flannels under a mink coat.

We were whisked through the Customs faster than in any of the 11 countries we had previously visited, and entered a fleet of cars to drive the 20 miles into the city.

Our procession of cars circled Red Square and finally came to a halt in front of the National Hotel, Moscow's ritziest.

We got red carpet treatment and I nearly swooned when I saw the luxury of my suite—once occupied by Britain's former ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, later Lord Inverchapel.

And I awoke to sunshine.

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(More on Monday)



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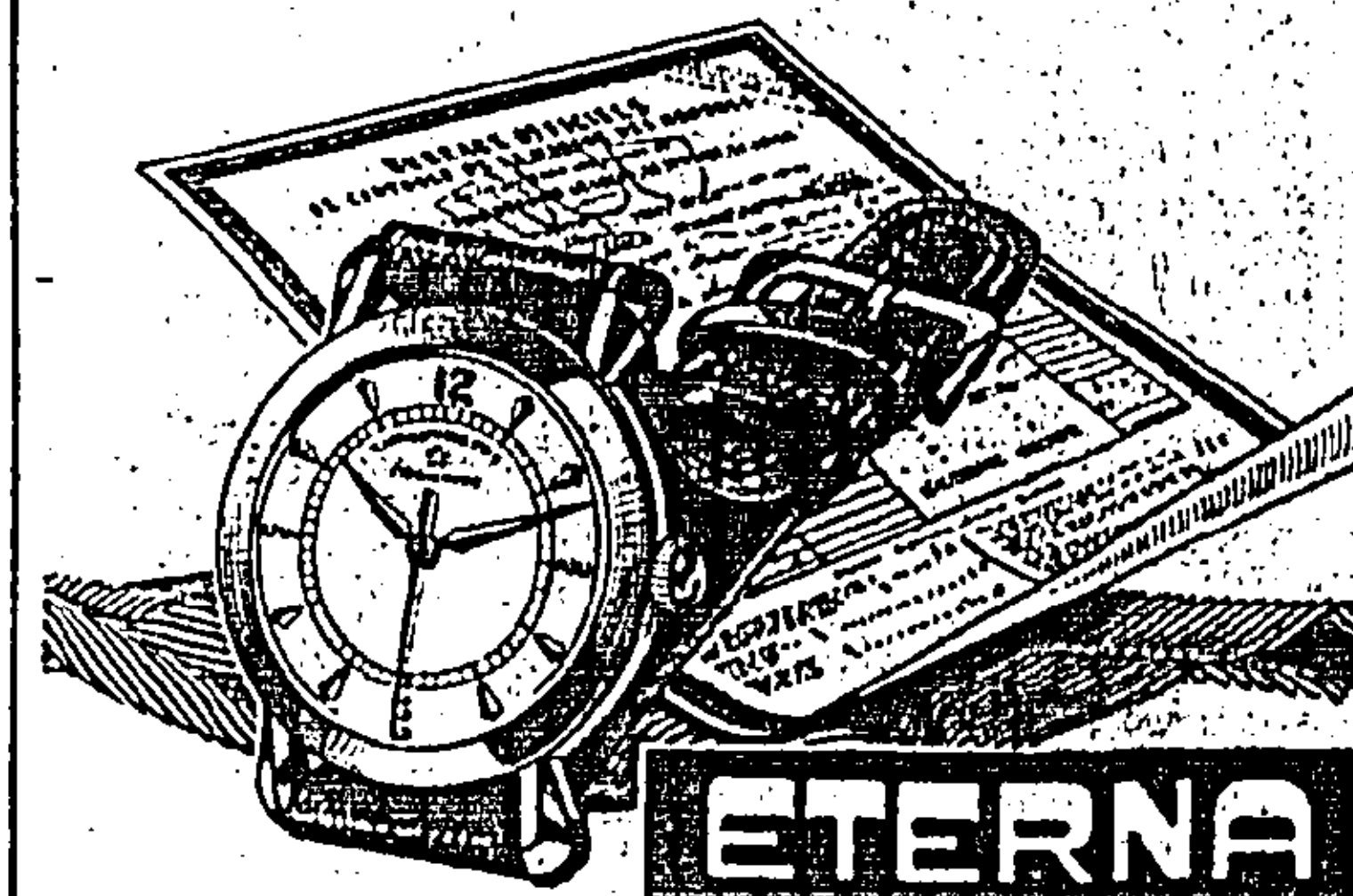
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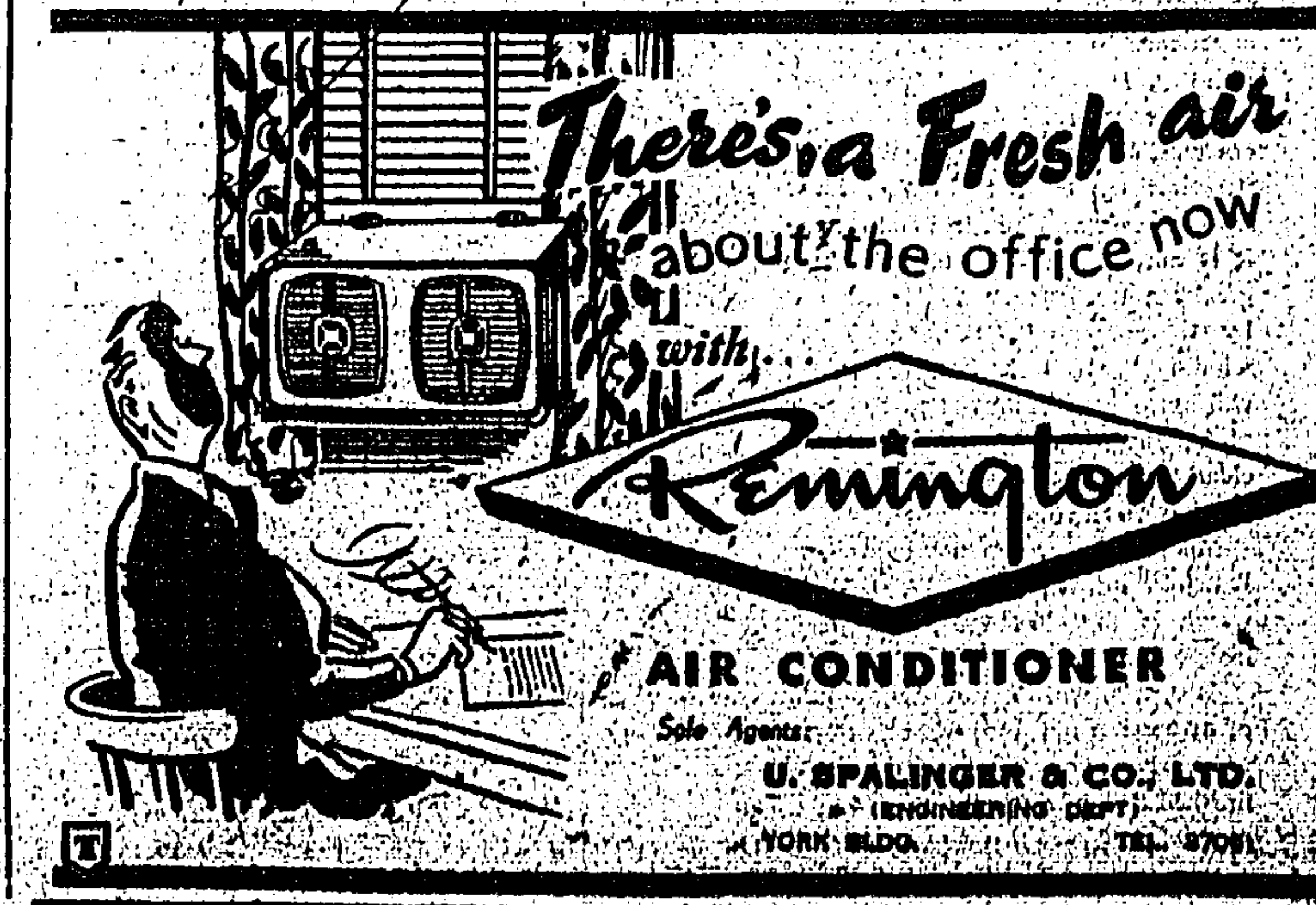
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MR Chan Nam-chong, Chairman of the Hongkong Juvenile Care Centre, speaking at the opening on Monday of the Centre's new building by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. Others in picture are (from left), Mr R. C. Lee, His Excellency, Mrs R. R. Todd and Mr N. V. A. Croucher, donor of the building. (Staff Photographer)



MR M. A. Moorsid, Indonesian Vice-Consul who has been transferred to Penang, entertained his friends at a farewell cocktail party last week at the Repulse Bay Hotel. On the left, above, Mr and Mrs Moorsid are seen with Mr T. van Gulk, Manager of the Nationale Handelsbank. On the right, Mrs Moorsid is seen with Mr G. W. Aldington, Political Adviser to the Hongkong Government. (Staff Photographer)



COMMITTEE members of the Chinese Women's Club look over some of the prizes at their annual charity ball last week. From left: Mrs Chan Fung-chow, Mrs Edna Ho, Mrs May Ho, Mrs Doris Ho and Mrs Kwok Chan. Below: Scene at the Skyroom, where the ball was held. (Staff Photographer)



THE Dowager Marchioness of Reading (seated in centre), Chairman of the Women's Voluntary Service, photographed with Miss Gibson (second from left), Far East WVS Administrator, and other members at the NAAFI Club, Kowloon. In centre of back row is Mr Tingley, NAAFI Supervisor, Hongkong. (Mayfair)



MR William John Dowling and Miss Lorraine Moody snapped after their wedding at St Teresa's Church last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

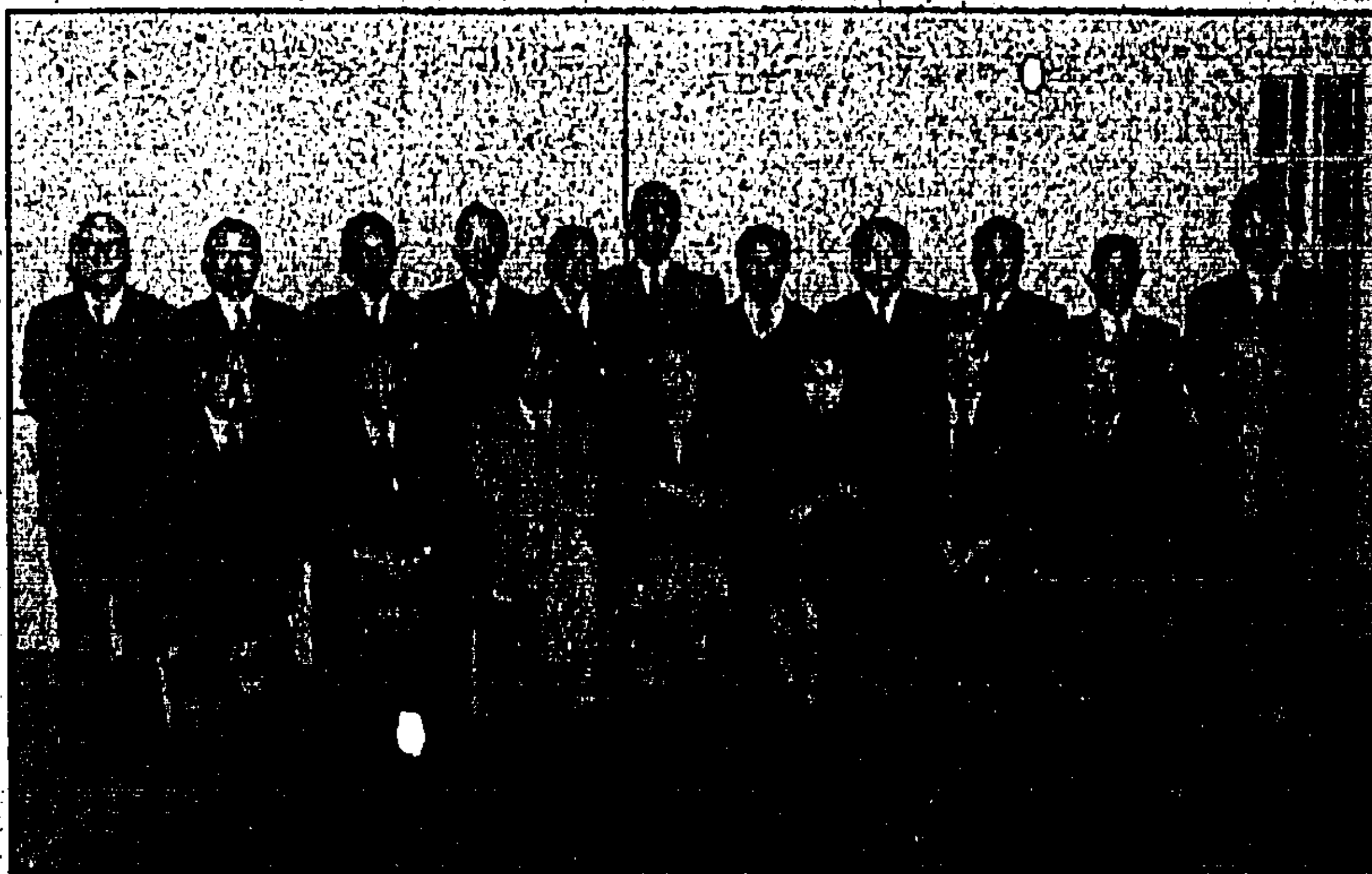


RIGHT: The La Salle College team who won the championship at last week's inter-school athletics. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Mr and Mrs W. G. Humphreys with their daughter, Eileen Elizabeth, after her christening recently at the Union Church. Mr Humphreys is Chief Preventive Officer of the Commerce and Industry Department. (Staff Photographer)



MISS Li Pak (right), Senior Sister of the Medical Department, who is in charge of the nursing aspect of the BCG campaign sponsored by the World Health Organisation, is shown instructing a mobile BCG team.



LEFT: Members of the Yale Club of Hongkong after their recent reorganisation meeting. The Club is open to alumni of Yale University. Elected President was Mr Tau-fa Lee, seated third from left. Mr Preston B. Schoyer, third from right, was elected Vice-President. (Willie's)

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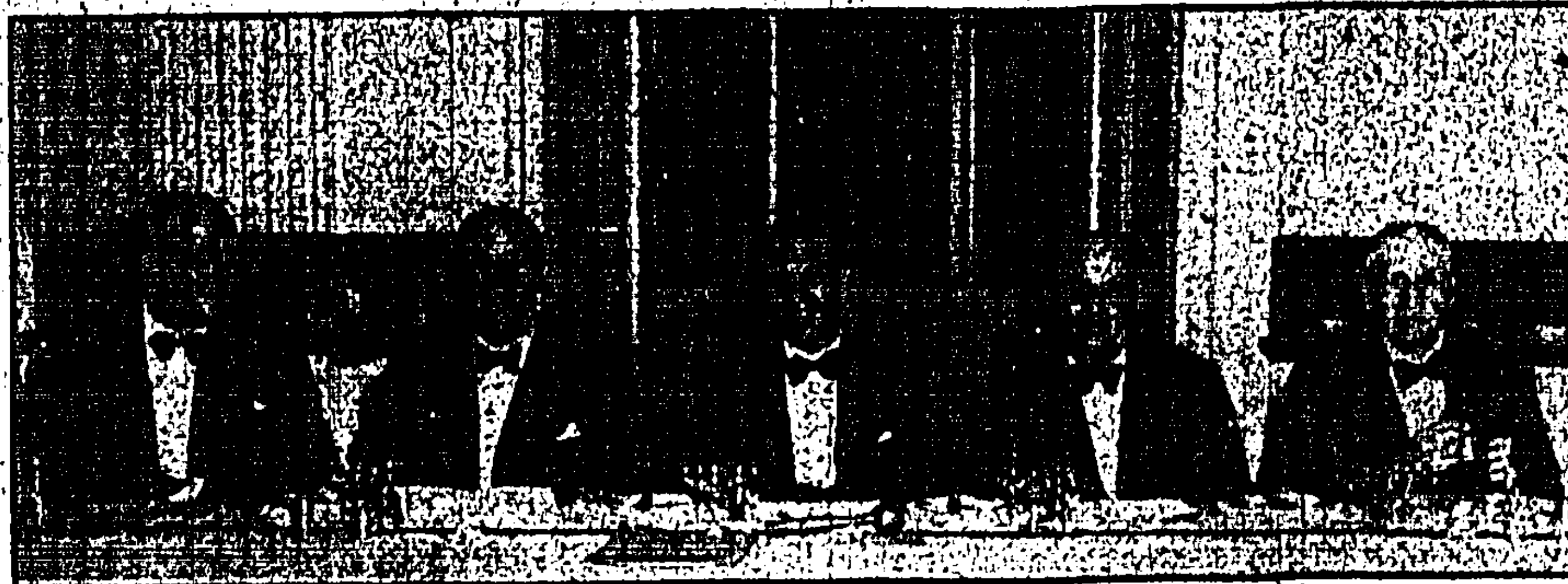
DR Daniel A. Paling (right), Director of the Christian Children's Fund, greeting the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, at a reception given at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday. The Fund supports 104 orphanages throughout the free world, of which there are nine in Hongkong, housing 2,700 children. (Staff Photographer)



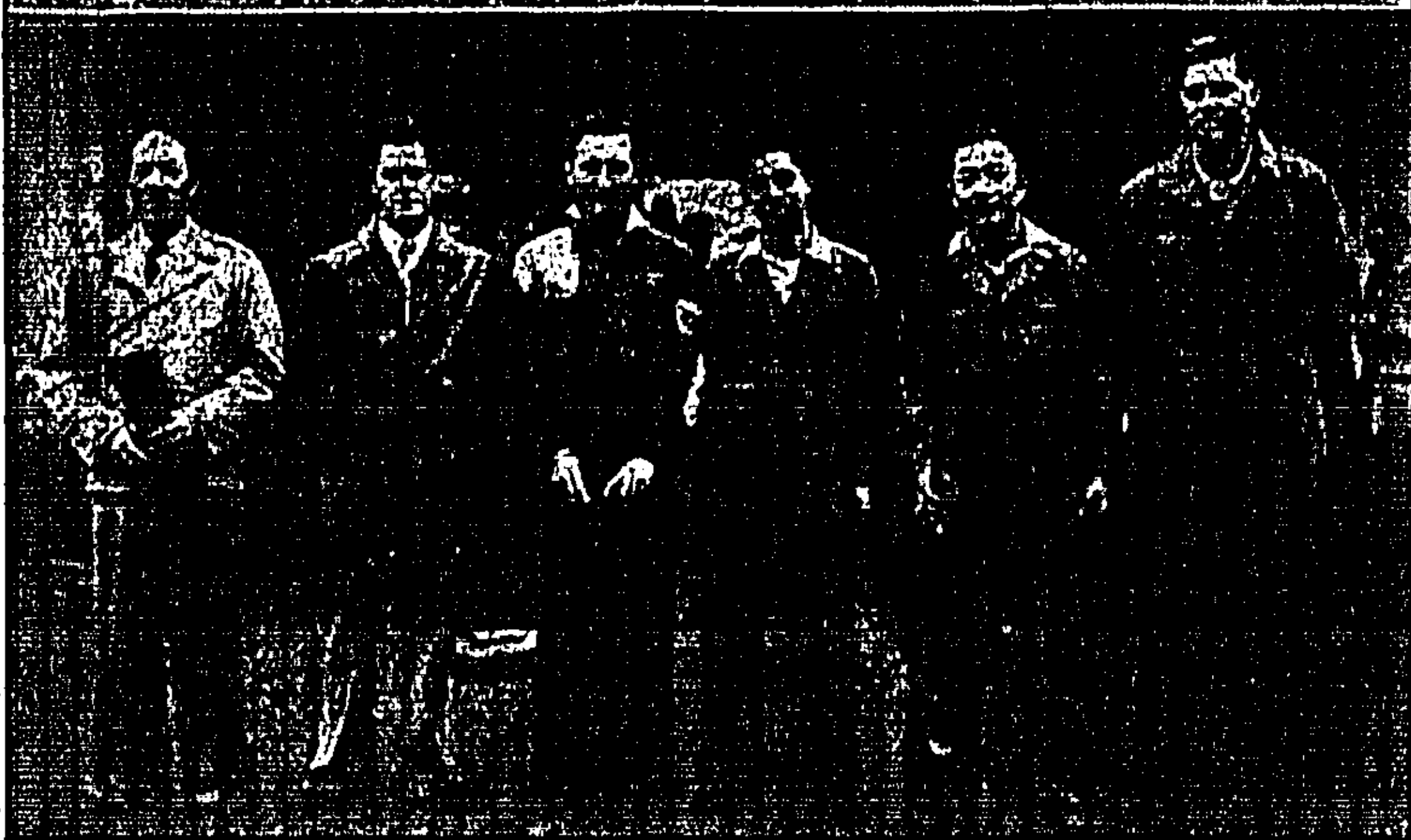
GROUP pictured outside Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, after the wedding of Mr Tan Boon-chook, and Miss Dora Chan last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the wedding of Mr Robert Lawrence James and Miss Noelle Blanco Simmons, which took place at the Rosary Church last Saturday. (Willie's)



LEFT: The official table at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Surveyors, held at the Hongkong Club. From left: Mr M. L. de Ville, His Excellency the Governor, Mr W. J. Skinner (Chairman), the Hon. A. P. Weir (Acting Director of Public Works) and Mr G. W. Grey. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURES taken at the second small bore shoot at the Hongkong Gun Club last Sunday. Lower picture shows the Royal Hongkong Defence Force team, who won the series. Left to right: A. P. Pereira, G. Gosano, G. A. Lomay, R. Remedios, H. A. Souza (captain) and E. Hyndman. (Staff Photographer)



CEYLON residents gathered at the Filipino Club on Monday to celebrate Ceylonese New Year. Second from left is Mr D. O. Silver, President of the Ceylon (Sri Lanka) Association. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Mr Hans Hefti and Mrs Marie Rosa Dansey with their attendants after their wedding last Saturday at the Hongkong Union Church. (Staff Photographer)



THE Chief Justice, the Hon. Sir Gerard Howe, making a presentation on behalf of the Supreme Court staff to Mr Pau Shiu-chong, Chief Interpreter, who is retiring after many years' service. The presentation took place at a dinner given in Mr Pau's honour at the Tai Tung Restaurant on Wednesday evening. (Mainland)

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YOUNG David Zigal cutting the cake at his sixth birthday party, held in the Repulse Bay Hotel, as his mother looks on. David is the son of Mr and Mrs Leon Zigal. (Willie's)

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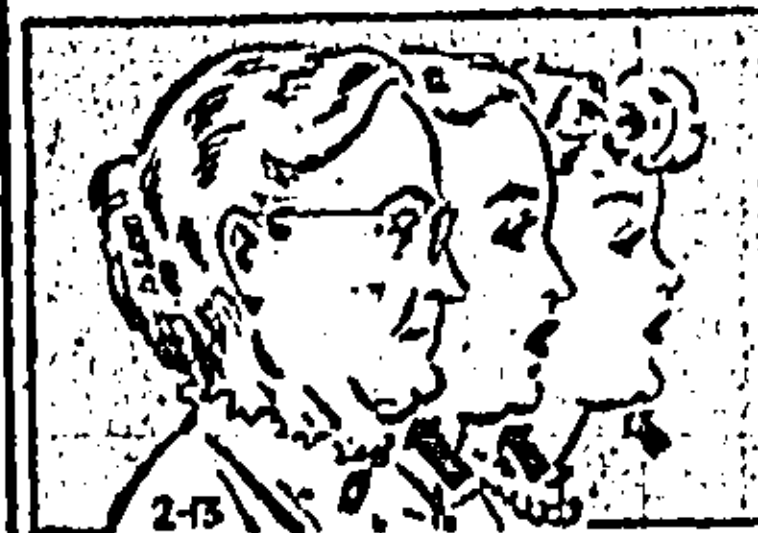
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## Could A Double Chin Be Inherited?

By IDA JEAN KAIN



### A family characteristic?

COULD a double chin be inherited? Again, this uncommon inquiry comes from a young lady who explains that double chins seem to be a family characteristic. Her grandmother has a very double chin, and her mother likewise, and the young lady herself already has a head start on one even before she is out of high school.

While we inherit a slim or not so slim neck along with general build, we do not inherit a double chin. The contour of the throatline depends largely on head posture and the amount of tone bracing the controlling muscles. When the head is carried squarely on the shoulders, with the line at the back of the neck pulled up almost straight, a double chin hasn't a chance.

So if our young lady will make a consistent effort to correct her head posture, and get into the habit of carrying her head proudly, with chin held level, she can kiss that double chin goodbye tout suite.

Practice makes perfect... but only if you practise in the right way. When bending over the history book, girls hold the book up or prop it up, instead of tipping the chin down. In walking, if a conscious effort is made to pull up with that line at the back of the neck so the chin can be held level, this head carriage soon becomes natural. And, of course, that bump of self-esteem on the top of the head should be held very high. You'll be surprised at how quickly good posture can become beautiful habit.

An erect head carriage does help keep the muscles firmly on the job. But we're forced to admit, for those of us who have been out of high school for 25 years... strong measures may be needed to put the kink back in those slack chin muscles. It's not so much the skin that sags, but the muscles under the skin that let down... and pull the skin down. Then, because soft muscles invite fat padding, the extra calories snuggle under the chin, and there you are... with a double chin.

The muscle most important to keeping the throatline young is the platysma. Picture this as a thin sheet of muscle fibres which covers the collar bones and extends obliquely upwards toward the middle, rounding the jawbone and covering the entire front of the throatline.

Here is a resistance exercise which helps restore tone to this cosmetic muscle, without danger of stretching the skin. Place doubled flat under lip of chin, chin resting between knuckles and finger joints. From a chin-level position, push up with fist, resisting strongly with chin... reverse, pushing downward with chin, resisting with fist. About three times will do. This exercise, backed up with proper head carriage, deals firmly with chin problems.

# NATURE DOES THE DECORATING

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

CUT flowers add the finishing touches to a room, but not everyone can afford them. They last only a few days—even with the best of care—then they're gone. That's why plants are the decorative answer for those who like a touch of lasting greenery that's within the budget.

A permanent indoor garden can be far more spectacular than cut flowers says Ruth Gannon in her new "Decorating with House Plants."

The book is filled with photographs that demonstrate the author's point of view. Many of them, in fact, were taken in her own home.

Miss Gannon lets nature help her decorate every room in the house. Even her stairway offers a display place for plants. A copper fish kettle attached to the stairway window holds coleus and bloodleaf, while pots of azaleas, tulips and Lady Washington geranium march up the steps in colourful array.

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In the dining room, Miss Gannon has chosen pink geraniums to carry out the colour scheme set by a Meissen coffee service, displayed on a large buffet in front of two windows. The geraniums bloom in four window boxes—two attached to the middle of the

window frame, two set on the sill, the living room, tables at either end of a sofa hold gay little pots of ivy. Behind the sofa, two windows house copper containers filled with azalea plants.

Miss Gannon has filled an unused fireplace with a gay spring preview of blooms. She's massed together pots of hyacinths, tulips and daffodils, flanking them with azaleas and begonias. The effect is as fresh and gay as an Easter bonnet.

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These are just a few of the ideas pictured in the book, some of which are shown here. Miss Gannon also has some suggestions on unusual containers that can turn an ordinary plant into a spectacular decorative accent.

A chapter on colour schemes provides some very sound advice. As the author points out, green is a great blender, and therefore foliage plants and vines can be used with any scheme. Flowering plants, however, must be selected to harmonize with other furnishings. Several of the colour schemes outlined should offer ideas that can be effectively carried out in your own home.

Part of the book is devoted to the very practical matter of caring for plants. Those who lack a green thumb, who seem to have little success with plants, will welcome the instructions given.



CLIMBING VINES have many decorative possibilities. Here, two types of philodendron climb and trail from an entrance hall box.



PLANTS ADD A FRESH, GREEN NOTE to any setting; but they do need a certain amount of care if they're to flourish, says author Ruth Gannon in a new book, "Decorating with House Plants."



PHILODENDRON, a common plant, looks exotic in an antique teakettle of gleaming copper.



FIGURINES CAN OFTEN BE COMBINED with plants for an arrangement such as this one, which features different types of ivy.

## "ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A WOMAN?"

By ANNE HEYWOOD

WHENEVER a man says: "Isn't that just like a woman?" the chances are he is referring to some terrible trouble the little woman has got into with her checking account or household budget. Or perhaps she has tangled herself into the typewriter ribbon, or bumpy

ed the fender of the car. In short, it is some mistake she has made in the area of arithmetic or mechanics.

Whenever a woman says: "Isn't that just like a man?" chances are that the man in question has fallen for some dining room blunder, or invited the next door neighbour with his "typical" lack of tact. In other words, he has made an error in the realm of human relations.

### Conditioning is Different

We take it for granted that women are wonderful with people, and that men are wonderful with facts and figures. But I began to realize that the opposite seemed true with many of the hundreds of people with whom I've worked, and I felt that conditioning had a lot to do with it. Men are brought up and trained in dexterity along mechanical and factual lines. Women are conditioned to please.

One concrete proof I had of this involved a middle-aged couple called Smith. They were both 30 years old. Mrs. Smith was anxious to find a hobby, and her husband, with retirement seven years off, was thinking about what he would do when that time came.

So together they went to get vocational tests. I saw them shortly after they had received their test results and I noticed they were extremely nervous.

"We are old enough," Mrs. Smith told me chuckling, "to tell the truth about what we like and don't like. Since we are serious about this, I didn't feel I had to pretend that I was a dear little thing that got lost adding a column of figures."

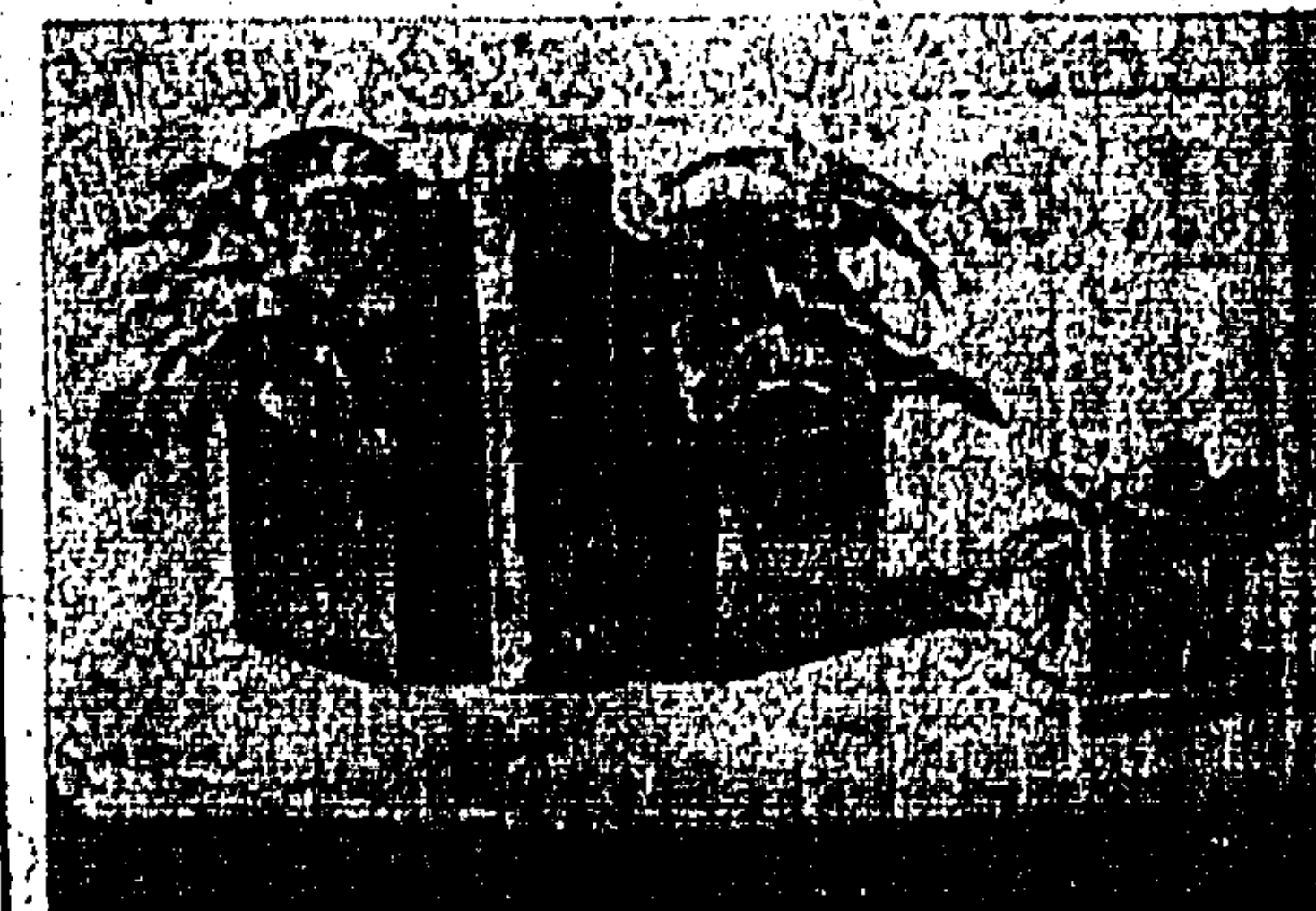
"Yeah," Mr. Smith agreed with a grin, "I didn't have to kid myself that I'd rather spend my time tinkering with a broken lamp than anything else on earth." He shuddered.

The whole thing was that Mrs. Smith had shown tremendous numerical ability—what we in the profession call Computational and Mechanical aptitude. Mr. Smith had come out with a high interest and skill with people, what we call the Persuasive-Social Service type.

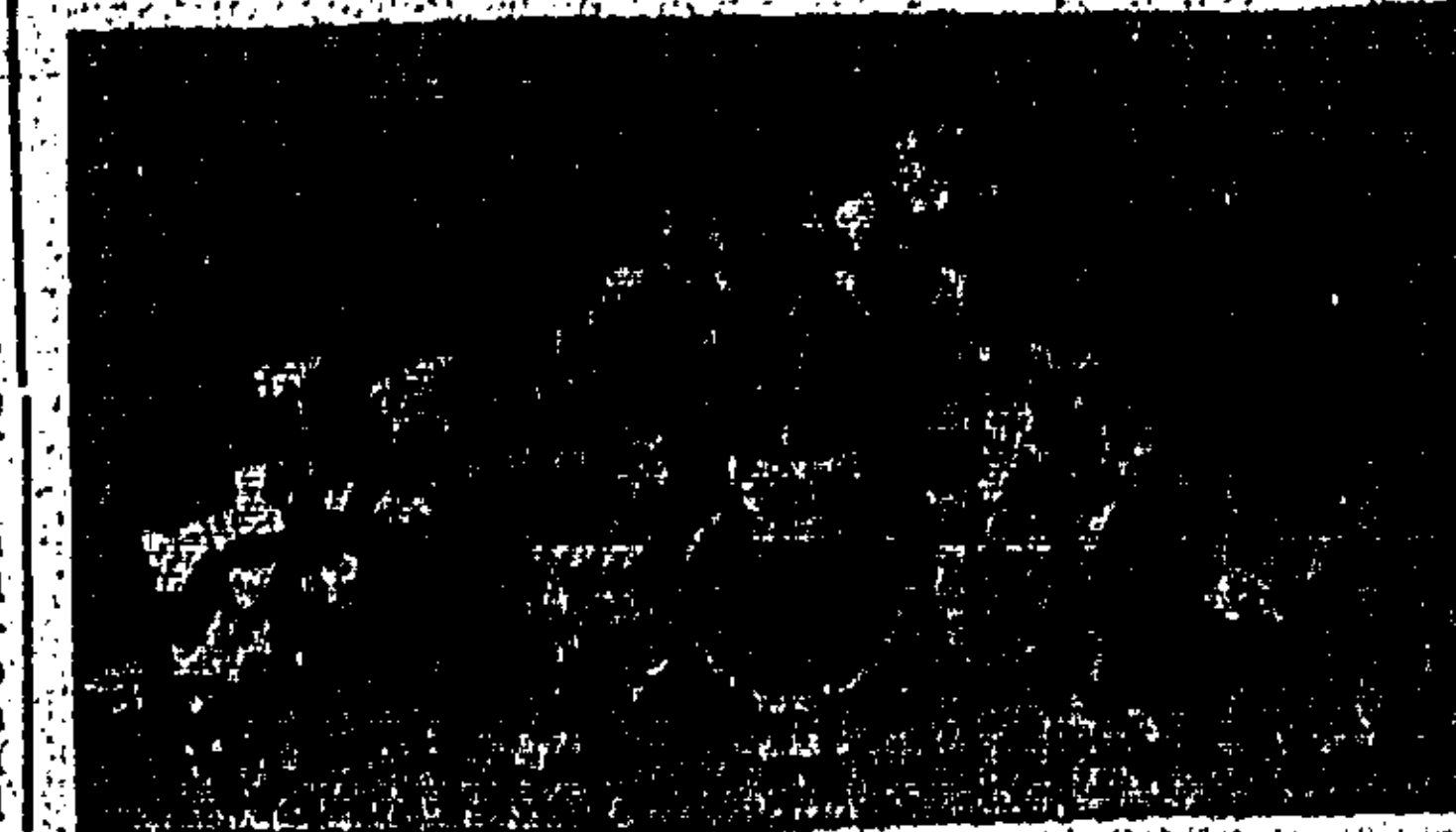
### Took Up Volunteer Work

As a first step, the Smiths engaged in volunteer work that would take advantage of their own aptitudes. Mrs. Smith is doing the bookkeeping for a fund-raising organization, and Mr. Smith is very active in the counselling end of the Boy Scouts.

If your interests don't lie in the areas that are considered "proper" for a woman, don't destroy your career pattern to keep up with what the Joneses say is nice for good little girls. Certain people are good at one thing, and certain people are good at another, and some of them are good at both. It's just a matter of finding out what you're good at and then using it.



IF YOU'RE STRIVING for a different way to display plants, you might choose unusual holders, such as these book-end containers.



A BRASS PLANT STAND with a blue-veined vase holds three little pots of trailing ivy. The stand would look cheerful on a coffee table.



# The debt we owe him...

## What THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS did for Britain

The China Mail today concludes one of the most successful real-life stories this newspaper has ever published. The exploits of THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS, as told by his creator, The Hon. Ewen E. S. MONTAGU, QC, are now to be printed in book form; there are five separate inquiries for rights to make the story into a film; all over the world people are reading this uncanny tale. Today's instalment makes the final reckoning. What did THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS do to save his fellow-countrymen's lives? He did a great deal indeed.

FOURTEEN DAYS after the body of "Major William Martin, Royal Marines," had been floated ashore in Spain on April 30, 1943, the German Naval Staff War Diary recorded that the German Army Staff had definitely concluded that the documents found on him were genuine.

The Army Staff deduced that the main Allied assault would be on Sardinia (and not Sicily, which was the Allied intention) with a subsidiary landing in Greece. From this deduction came the following troop movements:—

A WHOLE PANZER division was moved from France to a town in the Peloponnese in Greece to cover communications to the two beaches in Greece—Cape Araxos and Kalamata—mentioned in the documents "Major Martin" carried. This was an enormous operation and the division was out of the war for some time.

The German High Command ordered laying of minefields off the Greek coast; coastal batteries were to be installed; M.T.B. bases, command stations and sea patrol services prepared. A whole group of M.T.B.s were sent from Sicily to Greece in June.

IN THE WEST Keitel himself signed an order from the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces dated June 14 ordering "reinforcement of Sardinia"—with the emphasis now on Sardinia.

A strong Panzer force with supplies for two months was ordered to Corsica and emphasis was laid on the improvement of defences on the North coast of Sicily WHERE WE DID NOT LAND against "a diversionary attack during the assault on Sardinia."

EXACTLY ONE DAY before we invaded Sicily the German Admiralty sent to its Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, a message giving Admiral Doenitz's views on Allied intentions: "Sardinia and perhaps Corsica were the first targets... the assault on Greece was most probable." A landing on the Italian mainland was considered less likely.

THIS, then, was our dividend: The Germans had spread their defences and, as the war record gives it, the invasion of Sicily was an unqualified success.

In our examination of captured German documents after the war we also found other odd items.

The German Foreign Office was asked by the German Intelligence to warn Turkey that shipping and troops were being moved to Greece.

Even after the Sicily invasion had started the German High Command asked for a special look-out to be kept by agents in the Straits of Gibraltar for convoys which would be going to attack Corsica and Sardinia.

Further documents showed that by July 12—two days

after the invasion began—a different view began to be taken. Hurried messages went out stopping any MTBs which had not yet sailed from the Italian area for the Aegean from leaving.

It was stated, bitterly that the sending of MTBs (in early June) to Greece had left a gap in the defences of Sicily which were now vital to a battle that was "decisive as regards the participation of Italy" in the war.

So we learned that "Operation Mincemelt," as we called it, had succeeded beyond our most sanguine hopes.

One more pleasure was to be vouchsafed to us. The diary kept by Admiral Doenitz of his conferences with Hitler was examined after the war. This diary revealed that Hitler, like everyone else, had originally decided that the target of our next assault was to be Sicily. But "Major Martin" changed his mind.

Admiral Doenitz was sent at the beginning of May to try to co-ordinate operations with Mussolini. While he was away the "Mincemelt" documents reached Germany.

On Doenitz's return, he reported to Hitler on May 14. He was asked the Duce's views as to the Allies' next target.

Hitler must have seen the documents, for Doenitz then records this change of view:—

"THE FUHRER DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE DUCES THAT THE MOST LIKELY INVASION POINT IS SICILY. FURTHERMORE, HE BELIEVES THAT THE DISCOVERED ANGLO-SAXON ORDER CONFIRMS THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PLANNED ATTACK WILL BE DIRECTED MAINLY AGAINST SARDINIA AND THE PELLONNESUS."

AND IN SPAIN TODAY—

Ten years later...



## Captain Lenz takes off his hat to us

A REPORT... by IAN COLVIN

HUELVA, Spain. IS this the weirdest coincidence of all in the case of The Man Who Never Was?

Here Major Fritz Baumann, Fritz, the German frogman, who had lurked round Huelva during the war planting time bombs in British ore ships. We sat and talked.

The burly German Commander officer told me then what his peccadillo job had been: DOING AUTOPIES ON PEOPLE KILLED BY DROWNING! He was one of Germany's young and coming pathologists.

### Fake or not?

"BEFORE the war I studied in the forensic branch of Hamburg Police Academy," said the Major. "Quite often I had to decide whether a corpse had been put dead into the water to fake a suicide or

drowning. I have made hundreds of examinations of hoarse, lungs and larynxes, contusions and decomposition. Then, during the first two years of the war, enlisted as a Major of the Army, I was put on to studying the causes of death in aircraft accidents, both on land and at sea. I examined the wreckage of dozens of aircraft and the bodies of scores of airmen."

I said: "Suppose you had been told that this was a faked air accident, that Major Martin had never been drowned, and that his papers might be a 'plant'? Could you have done anything about it?"

Major Baumann's face showed for a moment the distress of a specialist who has missed what could have been the biggest case of his life.

"Yes, I would have had my sabotage team climb that cemetery wall... We would have had that body flown to Berlin for an autopsy by Professor Asch-Mueller, who was our Sir Bernard Spillbury."

He sighed. There was another hitch, I now learn, which might have been fatal to the whole operation. All Spaniards were not working for the Germans during the war. At least half of them were sympathetic to us.

### Our luck held

AS soon as the body was found at Huelva a friendly official nearly handed the pouch back to the British Vice-Consul unopened. When I spoke to Mr. Haselden, retired British Vice-Consul in Huelva, an unwilling participant in the operation, he confirmed this detail.

But our luck held good. In Madrid too I found Captain of the Navy Wilhelm Lenz, senior German intelligence officer in Spain during the war, now living in retirement. He too had returned from internment in Germany to the embassy in Madrid.

Just a hoax

THE agent was able to extract and lend me for a short time two letters, written, if I remember rightly, on War Office notepaper. They discussed British strategy in the Mediterranean, and whether the next attack should be made on Sardinia or Greece. Sicily was not mentioned. These letters were both addressed to General Alexander by a high officer in London. It hurried to the German Embassy and photographed them in the basement. I sent the Photostats to Berlin by special courier. I have heard now that these papers were nothing more than a hoax but I personally find that hard to believe.

I pulled out my photograph of the grave of "Major William Martin" in Huelva.

"I think it was your Service which was hoaxed," I said.

The senior spy passed his hand over his white hair, and read the inscription with reverence—Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

"I take off my hat," said Captain Lenz.

### His statue

HUELVA today is a quaint remote port. It was from here that Columbus set sail to discover America, his statue dominates the coast where "Major Martin" floated in. Strangers in the sunny cemetery here are just now much more interested in showing the graves of their best bull-fighters, lying at rest here under the palm and edelweiss somewhere on the ancient trees.



## UNGILDED LILY

AS the world's ace Lily-gilders, Hollywood's make-up men exasperate British movie-goers.

"Just look what they do to our stars," they wail. And, true it is, that what goes out bloomy comes back brassy.

But back in London, having passed unscathed through the valley of Max Factor, is poetess Edith Sitwell with not a hair changed.

When she left London three months ago to supervise the film-scripting of her book, "Fanfare for Elizabeth," she was Dante-esque in Tudor-style hat with over-the-ear drapings, a black gown, two big bracelets and a giant ring.

Home again, the only additional gilding was another giant ring. And this, Poetess Sitwell had compensated for with a Tudor-style hat minus the gold-tracery of the original. Otherwise it was the mixture as before.

Of Hollywood she had this to say: "A stimulating experience."

But, for the meantime, she returns to poetry with plans to bring out a book of her own work, plus a 200-page anthology of English and American poems. — London Express Service.



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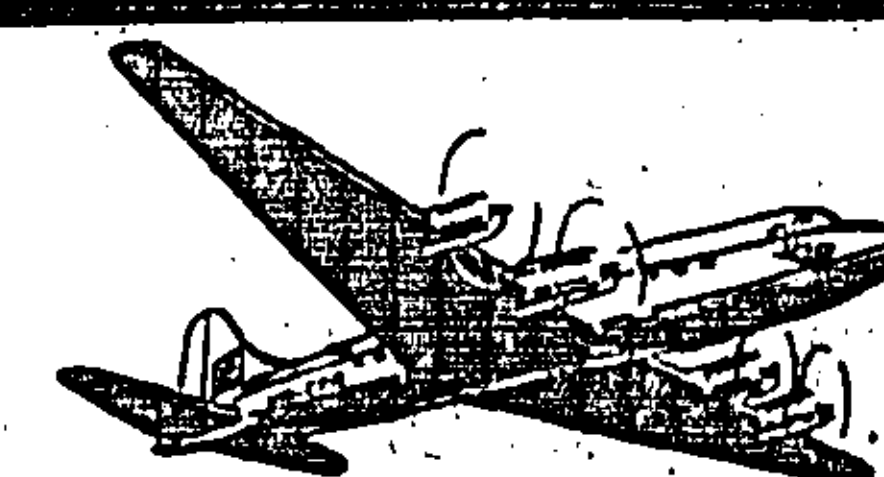
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### Count 'em

THINK of the sickness of blood. Think what it carries. Let's have a little square box whose every side is one millimetre. That means we can stand 25 of them in the length of an inch. Now let's fill it with blood and see what we've got. My, my, it's mathematics. There are 5,000,000 red cells jostling round taking oxygen one way and bringing carbons back in return. There are 5,000 National Service soldiers in white. Then there will be 250,000 platelets to be sure the blood will clot in time of need. That whole red hotchpotch is tumbling round the bloodvessels in this secret, the fluid part of blood, with all its abstruse chemistry. The heart does its best with its even best at about 70 efforts a minute but the arteries help too; they expand and contract to keep their massive load on the move.

... YOU'VE GOT BLOOD PRESSURE? I'M NOT AT ALL SURPRISED

by Dr. A. CHESBY

Now you see, I think, that the whole shooting match would be off if this ever-moving blood were not maintained at a minimum pressure. Actually, there are two pressures—there must be one for when the heart is at work and one for when it is resting.

Most bright minds hold that the resting pressure is a more reliable guide to sickness than the higher figure during work. But authorities differ about what is the actual point at which the lower, the diastolic pressure, should be recorded.

Some years ago somebody devised the machine for measuring blood pressure. What a saviour, he would have been had he said it was only to be used by doctors who could guard their tongues. Sinking about everywhere are people really suffering from the effects of a blood pressure above safety level, or below. But there are also hordes of Weary Winnies and Tired Tims meaning "I've got a blood pressure." These are the people we are concerned with now.

But first get away a bit to see the picture better.

I should like to see it made illegal to tell a patient one word about such a remote thing as blood pressure. That would clear a host of gloomy denizens out of doctors' waiting rooms.

Years ago I was doing a lecture for a cunning practitioner. "A blood pressure tend came to see me, demanding that I take his blood pressure. His top figure was just 100 points higher than anything previously put on his record."

He said he felt "even better than ever," so I told him how little his pressure really mattered. He could have killed me. Afterwards I learned that his regular man had noticed how eagerly this poor wretch leaned forward to see the figures. "So he had always written down a hundred points below what he found. Fly he had not told me."

### Remember

ONE more thing. It may one day be your turn to hear those dreary words, "blood pressure." Think over what I have said and store it in your mind. I was a moping thing until my pressure came back on to the chart. I know. If you remember what I have said you can stride out of the consulting room with your chin up. And I hope you will remember to say: "So he's got blood pressure. So what?"



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James Hobbs

# THE JOKER

## Even His Funeral Became A Comedy

**CHEKHOV: a life by David Magarshack. Faber. 30s. 431 pages.**

TO the end Chekhov, a Russian dramatist and short story writer, was true to his own spirit of wistful comedy.

When he died (1904) in a German spa, his body was brought back to Moscow in a dragon labelled "Fresh Oysters."

At another platform in the same station another train simultaneously arrived. In it was the coffin of General Keller killed in the Russo-Japanese war, then raging.

The two groups of waiting mourners were unaware of the coincidence, so that two funeral processions merged into one, led by a police officer on a white horse, behind whom a brass band blared out military music.

A lady mourner of the Chekhov party said to the old man who marched beside her, "Oh, he was such a nice man, so witty!" From the look of astonishment on the old man's face it was clear he could not recall that General Keller had been witty.

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At last the mistake was discovered and the two corteges were disentangled, amid roars of laughter. It was a joke eminently to the taste of Anton Chekhov, who always thought that his play, The Cherry Orchard, had been ruined because Moscow actors produced it as a tragedy whereas he had intended it as a light comedy. He was quite accustomed to the idea, that life's most serious moments could become ridiculous.

After countless love affairs (for he was handsome, amusing and immensely attractive to women), Chekhov fell in love with a married woman, Lydia Avilov. He sealed his letters to her with the inscription: "To the lonely, the world is a desert."

After a struggle of conscience—and at a time when her husband was visiting the Caucasus—Lydia invited him to her flat in Moscow. The moment had come to reach an understanding. Alas, two friends of the husband

arrived unexpectedly; it was plain they meant to stay for dinner.

When at last they left, Chekhov took worn out, began an avowal of love. He (Lydia) Lydia's hand in his, dropped it at once, saying: "Oh, what a cold hand!" looked sternly at the clock. To the lonely, the world was still a desert.

But the evening was not wasted. Chekhov purchased it into his play, The Seagull.

He was born (1860) in Tuganrog, in Southern Russia on the Sea of Azov. His father was a shopkeeper who beat his sons brutally and brought ruin on the family by an excess of peasant cunning.

Ordering a "house" to be built, he bargained with the builder to pay so many rubles per thousand bricks. The builder then built the walls twice the usual thickness; Chekhov's father had to flee from his creditors to Moscow.

Chekhov was apprenticed to a tailor; made one pair of trousers, so tight that they could hardly be pulled on. To make money, he began writing short stories, and, on the proceeds, kept himself at the Moscow medical school; also helped to support father, mother, and two brothers, brother who had children by a series of mistresses, half a dozen other dependants.

At 25, to his amazement, he found himself famous, but persisted in thinking that his stories were worthless; in a year or two they would be forgotten. He would write a great novel, he tried, failed. It was the most tragic event in his life.

He practised as a doctor; generally his patients were too poor to pay fees. He loved visiting celebrities; was an enthusiastic gambler; used to sprinkle himself lavishly with scent.

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He was secretive about his love affairs; wrote never about them from his early twenties, but suffered from tuberculosis. He would only allow a doctor to examine him when he felt well. Three years before his death he married a young actress named Olga Knipper; badgered him to write: "You are my great genius the Russian Maupassant. Don't give way to melancholy," Chekhov had been

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# SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Contributed by Desmond Hackett, Robert Findlay and Henry Rose.  
Edited by Marshall Fallows).

There's one South African visitor in London who thinks English Soccer is grand — yes, even after watching the Chelsea-Newcastle show.

Max Ulfane is the name. He is a back with Balfour Park, the Johannesburg League club coached by Berry Nieuwenhuys, the former Liverpool winger.

Ulfane is impressed with the advance made by Charlton's South African players, Sid O'Leary, Eddie Firmani, Stuart Leary and John Hewitt.

"Hewitt especially. He's come on beyond recognition," says Ulfane. "When our chaps come over here they gain a couple of yards in speed."

Nieuwenhuys—a scratch golfer—is doing well back home in Johannesburg, where he runs the sports department of a big departmental store.

Soccer's best snooker player? Tommy Harmer, of Spurs, who is great with a cue as he is with a football, would have the solid backing of those who have seen him play to win a snooker competition.

Said Peter Doherty, Irish international player-manager of Doncaster: "Too many promising boys are lost to Soccer once their school days are over."

This warning has been taken to heart by the 'Spurs, who are now covering most of the Saturday morning inter-area schoolboy matches which take place at Hackney Marshes, Walthamstow, and in the North London parks.

Already enough talent has been spotted to ensure a championship for the Tottenham of 1956. If the lads don't slip through the scouting net, and if they fulfill the promise they now show.

Barry Jepson, goal-cracking leader of Ilkeston, had to decide between having a trial for a First Division club or turning out for his own team in the Derbyshire Senior Cup final.

He chose the cup tie... and received a winner's medal, plus a wedding present of a clock from his teammates.

And Derby County have renewed their offer of a trial.

The ball boys had to take a "back seat" at Ipswich... because they wore the same coloured track suits as the Northampton Jersey Blyth (Edmonton) stopped the game, sent the boys to stand near the spectators, and warned them

It's not easy to be an all-rounder these days. Graham Shaw, 18-year-old Sheffield United left back, has already given up boxing and is thinking twice about cricket.

Shaw gained country schoolboy honours at football and cricket as a boxer he won the British schoolboy and Army

cadet titles and was an NCB finalist.

"I stopped boxing when I signed for the United," said Shaw. "These two sports don't mix."

"I have a chance to play Yorkshire League cricket, but I think it better to concentrate on one sport rather than fall between two badly balanced stools. Perhaps I'll play a little village cricket for pure relaxation."

Remember Joe Cockcroft, former Sheffield United and West Ham wing half-back? He won a War Cup medal with the Hammers in season 1939-40.

Now Joe's 18-year-old son, Terry, aims to make the grade as a footballer. This useful side forward has been given a trial by West Bromwich.

(London Express Service)

## EXHIBITION SOFTBALL TOMORROW

By "KEYSTONE"

Local diamond activities

come to an end tomorrow

afternoon with the play-off

of the postponed exhibition

games of last week.

Spectator interest will be

centred on the top-notch 2.30 p.m.

tilt arranged between the Ed

Carvalho's Braves, this season's

Major League Champions, and

the Combine Chinese, who

swept aside all opposition to

win this year's International

Series Trophy.

Preceding this game, Softball

Commissioner Doc Moltenheim

will lead a contingent of

oldtime gladiators to battle

against the Junior Champions,

Dodgers in another "Flaming

Yankees" versus Old Bones

encounter.

BATTING AVERAGES

The following tables give the

final standings for the top ten

in the Batting Averages in the

Divisions. The coveted Batting

Champion trophies go to the

following:

Senior "A" Division — L. P.

Lien of the Chinese Athletics.

Senior "B" Division — John

Lyons of the Americans.

Junior Division — O. K. Dallas

of the Griffins.

Ladies Division — Sheila Silva

of the Squaws.

In the first ten are:

SENIOR "A" DIVISION

(Minimum of 35 times at bat

to qualify)

AB H BA

L. P. Lien (CAA) 43 16 372

V. Pedruze (Jag) 43 16 340

A. Young (St-J) 39 13 333

Y. Z. Young (CAA) 43 13 302

B. Dhaer (Braves) 48 14 292

C. D. Remedios (Br) 48 13 283

A. Oliveira (War) 39 11 282

C. O. Teag (SCAA) 51 16 275

C. O. Pandas (Br) 37 10 270

E. Remedios (M'caps) 41 11 268

SENIOR "B" DIVISION

(Minimum of 32 times at bat

to qualify)

AB H BA

J. Lyons (Am) 40 16 400

H. Cunningham (Am) 47 19 398

F. Loureiro (BL) 41 15 306

M. Nunes (BL) 41 13 317

W. Woo (Pandas) 38 12 316

A. S. Imail (Rexer) 45 14 311

S. Smey (Rexer) 43 13 282

P. H. Chang (Pandas) 46 13 283

A. Souza (BL) 46 13 283

M. Remedios (BL) 39 11 282

JUNIOR DIVISION

(Minimum of 27 times at bat

to qualify)

AB H BA

O. K. Dallas (Gr) 40 14 350

D. Rogers (Ban) 40 13 325

Y. C. Ng (CAA) 37 12 324

C. Izatt (Comets) 28 9 321

D. Eusebio (D) 29 9 310

C. C. Wong (CAA) 34 10 294

A. Massey (Ban) 28 8 286

B. Said (Gr) 39 11 282

P. Boulton (Ban) 39 11 282

A. Fullin (Ban) 39 11 282

LADIES' DIVISION

(Minimum of 30 times at bat

to qualify)

AB H BA

Sheila Silver (Sq) 54 25 403

B. Remedios (Sq) 48 20 417

S. Sam (Squaws) 53 20 377

E. Kwok (Pandas) 45 16 350

M. Gutierrez (Sq) 45 16 350

M. Gooling (SCAA) 42 14 353

T. Noronha (Wah) 46 15 320

S. K. Chan (Ful To) 41 13 317

I. Wang (Pandas) 50 15 300

I. Stanley (Wah) 40 12 300

## SURREY ANTICIPATE A KEEN CHALLENGE FOR THE COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

An honour that is hard won is all the more treasured. That is how Surrey view the County Cricket Championship. Last year they became Champions for the first time since 1914, although they shared the title in 1950. And they are all the more determined to retain the title this coming season; determined, but not falsely confident.

At the Oval ground, which looked better than ever in the Spring sunshine, Secretary Brian Castor told me last week: "We won the title by a fair margin of points last season, but this will make the other counties, especially Yorkshire, all the more keen to lower our colours. It will be even harder to hold the title than it was to win it."

But this attitude of their opponents will not upset the Surrey players. Determination is their strong suit. They proved this on the field last season. In all departments, particularly bowling and fielding, they showed a zeal not usually associated with English cricket.

This year, with the opening match still a week away, the players have already shown that same spirit. They reported for training on the 14th of this month. But there was no need for any fitness exercises. The players had seen to that themselves. For many weeks on

football grounds and commons they have trained rigorously.

Said Mr Castor, "Even in the darkest days of the winter, when fog and snow was enough to drive the game from the minds of the most ardent cricket lover, the lads always thought of the summer. They frequently dropped in to see me and chat about the approaching season."

Surrey's chances of holding their title are good.

The team works as one unit. They have their stars, but too much emphasis is not placed on one man. All play their part.

The main factors in their success last season were excellent bowling, supported by fielding which often reached the highest Australian standards—especially close to the wicket.

In both they were inspired by skipper Stuart Surridge. In his first season in charge, Surridge was an outstanding success. He is a dynamic personality, inspiring by example rather than words. To him the word impossible does not exist.

He frequently showed this with amazing catches held close to the wicket. Many a batsman had a triumphant smile frozen in the making when his intended boundary shot was picked out of the air a few yards from the bat by the vigilant Surridge.

As a bowler, action is again the Surridge maxim. Beating his zestful personality, he bowls fast. He is not the quickest in the country, nor the most accurate, but not through want of effort.

A glance at last season's bowling figures reveals why Surrey rule the roost. Three players captured over 100 wickets and another two topped the fifty mark.

All three who reached the century mark played for England—Alec Bedser, Jim Laker and Tony Lock. "With five Tests this season, as opposed to four last, we are likely to be even further deprived of their services," said Mr Castor, "but that is a drawback we don't mind."

YOUNGSTER'S CHANCE

Bedser's absence will give young Peter Loader a chance to show his paces. Peter, who is a product of the Surrey coaching scheme, is a right-hand fast-medium bowler who moves the ball either way.

With the exception of one department, the Surrey attack was perfectly balanced last season. Being so strong elsewhere, this deficiency was not noticed, and if the pitch called for such a bowler, Brian Constable made a suitable stop-gap.

If the need arises this season, a youngster, Pratt, who has just completed his National Service, may be given a chance.

The Surrey batting does not match the bowling for strength, but there were notable improvements last season. Particularly pleasing was the development of young Fletcher. He fought back from a run of bad luck and ill-health to become one of the most consistent and attractive batsmen in the country.

With the solid Eric Bedser, he formed an opening partnership reminiscent of the great Hobbs and Sandham combination which was the foundation of many a big Surrey score 20 years or so ago.

STRENGTHENED BATTING

This season the batting will be immeasurably strengthened by the regular appearance of amateur Peter May, who scored nearly a thousand runs in 19 innings last season. Is England's greatest batting discovery since the war. At one time it was feared that he would be lost to first-class cricket on leaving Cambridge, but he has now decided to give all his time to the game.

His presence will help compensate the county for the loss of Fishlock and Parker, who both retired last season. The Oval will seem strange without these two stalwarts who first played for Surrey over 21 years ago. Indeed, Fishlock's flashing drives became as much a part of the ground as the famous gasometer.

But their influence has not been lost. For to defend their title, Surrey will use the methods employed by both these faithful servants—attack.

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One of the many queries I have received recently brought to my mind an occasion at the old Thurston's Hall, London, when a prominent professional player lost an important championship game because of a careless breach of the rules.

It was in the days of dear old Charlie Chambers. On the deciding frame either player had to take the black to win. The first player went to the table and was successful in potting the black. And Charlie Chambers, noting that the cue-ball could not possibly go into a pocket, announced "Game." The winner at this stage stopped the white ball with his cue as it rolled down the table, assuming that the game had ended.

Charlie Chambers immediately reversed his decision and the game was awarded to the other competitor. A great many disagreed with the verdict, but Charlie Chambers was the referee and his decision stood.

I think this answers your question, Mr Read of Beckenham. A stroke is not completed until all the balls have come to rest. See Rule 3 of the General Rules published by the Billiards Association and Control Council, London.

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Once again I ask you to exercise extreme caution when you line up for the pink into the top left-hand corner pocket. This stroke has to be played with right-hand side on the white ball (check side) to come off the top left-hand side cushion and finish in line for the black, X5.

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